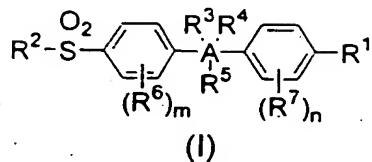


CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula:



or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

- 5 **A** is partially unsaturated or unsaturated five membered heterocyclic, or partially unsaturated or unsaturated five membered carbocyclic, wherein the 4-(sulfonyl)phenyl and the 4-substituted phenyl in the formula (I) are attached to ring atoms of Ring A adjacent to each other;
- 10 **R**¹ is aryl or heteroaryl, and the aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one to four substituents selected from halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl carbonyl, hydroxy, nitro, cyano and amino, with the proviso that when A is pyrazole, R¹ is heteroaryl;
- 15 **R**² is C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, C₁₋₄ dialkylamino or amino;
- 20 **R**³, **R**⁴ and **R**⁵ are independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, C₂₋₅ alkynyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, hydroxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkanoyl, cyano, nitro, cyano C₁₋₄ alkyl, carboxy, C₁₋₄ alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, N-C₁₋₄ alkylaminocarbonyl, N,N-di-C₁₋₄ alkylaminocarbonyl, N-arylamino carbonyl, N,N-diarylamino carbonyl, N-C₁₋₄ alkyl-N-arylamino carbonyl, aryl, aryloxy, aryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaryloxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, morpholino-carbonyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxyaminocarbonyl or C₁₋₄ alkyl-carbonylamino; or two of **R**³, **R**⁴ and **R**⁵ are taken together with atoms to which they are attached and form a 4-7 membered ring;
- 25 **R**⁶ and **R**⁷ are independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylthio, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, N,N-di C₁₋₄ alkylamino, hydroxyl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl-C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylamino-C₁₋₄ alkyl, hydroxy, amino-C₁₋₄ alkyl and N,N-di C₁₋₄ alkylamino-C₁₋₄ alkyl; and
- m and n are independently 1, 2, 3 or 4.

2. A compound according to Claim 1, wherein A is partially unsaturated or unsaturated five membered heterocyclic.

3. A compound according to Claim 2, wherein **A** is thienyl, oxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxolinyl, thiolinyl, pyrazolinyl, imidazolinyl, pyrrolinyl or furanone.

4. A compound according to Claim 3, wherein

5 **A** is thienyl, oxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl or furanone; and

R³, **R**⁴ and **R**⁵ are independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, C₂₋₅ alkynyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, hydroxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkanoyl, cyano, nitro, cyano C₁₋₄ alkyl, carboxyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl,

10 N-C₁₋₄ alkylaminocarbonyl, N,N-di-C₁₋₄ alkylaminocarbonyl, morpholino-carbonyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxyaminocarbonyl or C₁₋₄ alkyl-carbonylamino.

5. A compound according to Claim 4, wherein

A is thienyl, oxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl or furanone;

15 **R**¹ is phenyl or heteroaryl selected from pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, triazolyl, oxadiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, tetrazole, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, benzo[b]thienyl, benzo[b]furyl and indolyl, and the phenyl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one to three substituents selected from halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkyl carbonyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxy, nitro, cyano and amino;

20 **R**² is C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl or amino;

R³, **R**⁴ and **R**⁵ are independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, hydroxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkanoyl, cyano, nitro, cyano C₁₋₄ alkyl, carboxy, C₁₋₄ alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, morpholino-

25 carbonyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxyaminocarbonyl or C₁₋₄ alkyl-carbonylamino; and

R⁶ and **R**⁷ are independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylthio, hydroxyl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl-C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylamino-C₁₋₄ alkyl or hydroxy; and

m and **n** are independently 1 or 2.

30 6. A compound according to Claim 5, wherein

A is thienyl, oxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, isooxazolyl, pyrazolyl or

furanone;

R¹ is phenyl or heteroaryl selected from pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolyl, benzo[b]thienyl, benzo[b]furyl and indolyl, and the phenyl or heteroaryl being

5 optionally substituted by halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl carbonyl or C₁₋₄ alkoxy carbonyl;

R² is methyl, ethyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl or amino;

R³, R⁴ and **R⁵** are independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, fluoro-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, hydroxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkanoyl, cyano, nitro, cyano C₁₋₄ alkyl, carboxy, C₁₋₄ alkoxy carbonyl, morpholino-carbonyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxyaminocarbonyl or C₁₋₄ alkyl-

10 carbonylamino; and

R⁶ and **R⁷** are independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, hydroxyl-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl-C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylamino-C₁₋₄ alkyl or hydroxy.

7. A compound according to Claim 6, wherein

15 **A** is thienyl, oxazolyl, furyl, pyrrolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, isooxazolyl, pyrazolyl or furanone;

R¹ is phenyl or heteroaryl selected from pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, benzo[b]thienyl and benzo[b]furyl, and the phenyl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted by one to three substituents selected from fluoro,

20 chloro, methyl, ethyl, propyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, chloromethyl, methoxyl, acetyl, ethylcarbonyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl and butoxycarbonyl;

R² is methyl, fluoromethyl or amino;

R³, R⁴ and **R⁵** are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, propyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxyl, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, methylcarbonyl, cyano, nitro, cyanomethyl, cyanoethyl, carboxy, methoxylcarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, morpholinocarbonyl, methoxyaminocarbonyl or methylcarbonylamino; and

R⁶ and **R⁷** are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, propyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, hydroxymethyl, hydroxyethyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, methylaminomethyl,

methylaminoethyl, ethylaminomethyl, aminomethyl, aminoethyl or hydroxy.

8. A compound according to Claim 7, wherein

A is oxazolyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl or furanone;

R¹ is phenyl or heteroaryl selected from pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, thienyl, furyl, imidazolyl, 5 pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, benzothienyl and benzofuryl, and the heteroaryl being optionally substituted by chloro or methyl;

R² is methyl, fluoromethyl or amino;

R³, **R⁴** and **R⁵** are independently hydrogen, methyl, trifluoromethyl, hydroxymethyl, cyano, cyanomethyl, carboxy, ethoxycarbonyl, morpholinocarbonyl, 10 methoxyaminocarbonyl or methylcarbonylamino; and

R⁶ and **R⁷** are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, methoxy, hydroxymethyl, ethoxy, trifluoromethyl, methoxymethyl, methyaminomethyl, aminomethyl or hydroxy.

9. A compound according to Claim 8, wherein

A is pyrazolyl or furanone;

15 **R¹** is heteroaryl selected from thienyl, furyl, oxazolyl and thiazolyl;

R² is methyl or amino;

R³, **R⁴** and **R⁵** are independently hydrogen, methyl or trifluoromethyl;

R⁶ and **R⁷** are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl or methoxy; and m and n are 1.

20 10. A compound according to claim 1, selected from

1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;

1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;

1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;

1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(benzo[b]furan-2-yl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;

4-[5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;

4-[5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-4-cyano-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;

4-[5-[4-(4-pyridyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;

4-[5-[4-(3-pyridyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;

30 4-[5-[4-(5-methyl-2-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;

- 4-[5-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(5-pyrimidinyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-pyrrolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 5 4-[5-[4-(2-benzothienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(5-acetylthiophene-2-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 10 4-[5-[4-(3-pyrrolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(3-methyl-2-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- methyl 1-[4-(sulfamoylphenyl)-5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;
- 4-[3-(cyanomethyl)-5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[3-(hydroxymethyl)-5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 15 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-[5-[4-(5-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(5-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 20 4-[5-[4-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(2,5-dimethylpyrrol-1-yl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-
- 25 phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methylphenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 30 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methylphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;

- 3-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-(5H)-furanone;
 3-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]-4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-(5H)-furanone;
 3-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-(5H)-furanone;
 5-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-1H-pyrrole;
 5 5-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-1H-pyrrole;
 2,3-dimethyl-1-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-1H-pyrrole;
 1-[4-(3-furyl)-3-methylphenyl]-2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 1-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methylphenyl]-2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 10 1-[3-chloro-4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 1-[3-chloro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 1-(4-biphenyl)-2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 1-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 15 2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(2-pyrrrolyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[[4-(1-tert-butoxycarbonyl)-2-
 pyrrolyl]phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(2-thiazolyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 20 2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-4-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]oxazole;
 4-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]oxazole;
 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole;
 2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazole;
 2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-1H-pyrrole;
 25 1-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 2-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 2-biphenyl-4-methyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 1-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-2-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 30 2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-4-methyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-

- pyrazole;
- 1-[4-(fluoromethylsulfonyl)phenyl]]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-4-cyano-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole;
- 5 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-hydroxymethyl-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole;
 3-cyanomethyl-4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole;
 ethyl 5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;
 5-[4-(1-imidazolyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
 5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid;
- 10 2-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-[(4-methylsulfonyl)phenyl]thiophene;
 2-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-3-[(4-methylsulfonyl)phenyl]thiophene;
 4-[5-[3-chloro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 15 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methoxyphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
 4-[5-[3-fluoro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 20 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[3-fluoro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
 4-[5-[4-(5-oxazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(5-oxazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 25 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)-2-methylphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)-2-methylphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 30 4-[5-[2-fluoro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[2-fluoro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-

- pyrazole;
- 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methoxyphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methylphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(5-oxazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 10 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 15 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- methyl 1-(4-sulfamoylphenyl)-5-[4-(2-thiazolyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;
- 4-[4-cyano-5-[4-(2-thiazolyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 4-[4-chloro-5-[4-(2-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-1-phenylsulfonamide;
- 20 5-[2-fluoro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)-2-methylphenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 25 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 4-{4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 30 2-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 2-{4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;

- 4-[5-[4-(1,3-oxazol-2-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 5 4-[5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-{4-[1-[3-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 10 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-2-methyl-1,3-thiazole;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-5-methyl-1,3-thiazole;
- 15 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-fluorophenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methylphenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methoxyphenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 20 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methoxyphenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 4-{2-chloro-4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 25 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methylphenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 4-{2-methoxy-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 4-{2-methyl-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 30 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-fluoro-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 35 4-{4-[1-[3-hydroxymethyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-

- yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[3-methoxy-4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 4-{2-chloro-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 4-{2-methoxy-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 10 2-fluoro-4-[5-[4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-chloro-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 4-{2-fluoro-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 4-{2-methyl-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 20 ethyl 1-[3-Fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylate;
- 1-[3-ethoxy-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid;
- 25 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-hydroxymethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(4-morpholinecarbonyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 30 N-methyl-1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;
- N,N*-dimethyl-1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;
- 35 *N*-methoxy-1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxamide;

- 5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[3-methoxy-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 5 2-fluoro-4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[3-chloro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-fluorobenzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methylphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 10 3-chloro-4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-fluoro-4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 [5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-methylphenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
- 2-chloro-4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]
- 20 benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-3-methylbenzenesulfonamide;
- [5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 25 [5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-methoxybenzenesulfonamide;
- 2-chloro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]
- 30 benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-1-[4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
- 5-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-1-[3-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrrole;
- 35 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-[4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-4-trifluoromethyl-1H-imidazole;

- 2-fluoro-4-[2-[4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-imidazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 1-[3-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 5 5-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methanol;
- 5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[3-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-chloro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 10 5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1-[3-(methoxymethyl)-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- N-[5-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-(methylsulfonyl)benzyl]-N-methylamine hydrochloride;
- 15 [5-[5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]-2-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]methanamine hydrochloride;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-cyano-1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazole;
- N-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]acetamide;
- 20 4-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-2(5H)-furanone;
- 5,5-dimethyl-4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-2(5H)-furanone;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-oxo-4-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-2,5-dihydro-3-furanyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 25 4-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-methyl-3-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]isoxazole;
- 5-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-4-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1,3-oxazole;
- 30 4-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-methyl-3-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]isoxazole;
- 4-{5-methyl-3-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl}benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-{5-methyl-3-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl}benzenesulfonamide;
- 35 5-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-4-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1,3-oxazole;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-hydroxy-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-

- yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methoxy-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 4-[2-ethyl-4-[1-[3-Fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl]-1,3-thiazole;
- 10 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-[3-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-4-trifluoromethyl-1H-imidazole;
- 15 2-fluoro-4-[4-methyl-2-[4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-1H-imidazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5-[3-chloro-5-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-chloro-1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[3-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 20 15 4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-2(5H)-furanone;
- 4-[5-oxo-4-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-2,5-dihydro-3-furyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5,5-dimethyl-3-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2(5H)-furanone;
- 2-methyl-4-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1,3-thiazole;
- 20 25 1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[2-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[2-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-methyl-3-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 25 30 5-methyl-3-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-4-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]isoxazole;
- 4-[3-methyl-5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-4-isoxazolyl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-methyl-5-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-4-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]isoxazole;
- 2-fluoro-4-[2-methyl-5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1,3-oxazol-4-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-fluoro-4-[2-methyl-5-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1,3-oxazol-4-

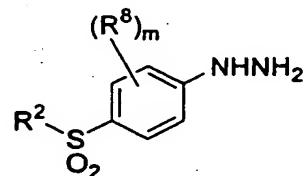
- yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 3-(Difluoromethyl)-2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 2-Fluoro-4-[5-[2-fluoro-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 5 2-Fluoro-4-[5-[2-chloro-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide; and
- 2-Fluoro-4-[5-[3-ethyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide.
- 10 11. A compound according to Claim 10 selected from
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-{2-methyl-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 15 3-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-{2-chloro-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 2-fluoro-4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 1-[3-Fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(3-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methylphenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 25 4-[5-[4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 4-[5-[3-methyl-4-(1,3-oxazol-4-yl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-1-yl]benzenesulfonamide;
- 1-[3-Fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 30 1-[4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[3-fluoro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;

- 1-[3-Fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-Fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(3-thienyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 5 1-[4-(Methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[4-(2-furyl)-3-methoxyphenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 1-[3-Fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-5-[3-chloro-4-(2-furyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole;
- 10 4-{4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 4-{4-[1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]-2-methoxyphenyl}-1,3-thiazole;
- 4-{2-methyl-4-[1-[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-5-yl]phenyl}-1,3-oxazole;
- 15 2-fluoro-4-[5-oxo-4-[4-(1,3-thiazol-4-yl)phenyl]-2,5-dihydro-3-furanyl]benzenesulfonamide; and
- 1-[3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]-2-[4-(4-thiazolyl)phenyl]-4-trifluoromethyl-1H-imidazole.

20 12. A pharmaceutical composition useful for the treatment of a medical condition in which prostaglandins are implicated as pathogens, which comprises a compound of the formula (I) of claim 1, and a pharmaceutically inert carrier.

13. A method for the treatment of a medical condition in which prostaglandins are implicated as pathogens, in a mammalian subject, which comprises administering to said pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1.

25 14. A compound of the formula:



or its salt thereof, wherein R² is C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, C₁₋₄ dialkylamino or amino; R⁸ is independently hydrogen, halo, C₁₋₄ alkyl, halo-substituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C₁₋₄ alkylthio, C₁₋₄ alkylamino, N,N-di C₁₋₄

alkylamino, C₁₋₄ alkylamino-C₁₋₄ alkyl, N,N-di C₁₋₄ alkylamino-C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl or hydroxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl; and m is 2, 3 or 4, with the proviso that R⁸ is not chloro nor trifluoromethyl.

15. A compound according to Claim 14 selected from

- 5 3-fluoro-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenylhydrazine hydrochloride;
- 3-methoxy-4-(methylsulfonyl) phenylhydrazine hydrochloride;
- 3-fluoro-4-sulfamoylphenylhydrozine hydrochloride;
- 2-fluoro-4-sulfamoylphenylhydrazine hydrochloride;
- 2-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl) phenylhydrazine hydrochloride;
- 10 3-methyl-4-sulfamoylphenylhydrozine hydrochloride;
- 2-methyl-4-sulfamoylphenylhydrozine hydrochloride;
- 2-methoxy-4-(methylsulfonyl) phenylhydrazine hydrochloride;
- 3-methoxy-4-sulfamoylphenylhydrozine hydrochloride;
- 3-hydroxymethyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenylhydrazine hydrochloride; and
- 15 3-methyl-4-(methylsulfonyl)phenylhydrazine hydrochloride.